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DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, is it a fact that the trustees themselves are making use of the houses and they are in great arrears in the payment of rent for the houses to the temple?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no such information with me, Sir. If the hon. Member would pass on the information to me, I can tell him, I shall have the matter looked into.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is there any proposal to electrify the temple and make it more attractive and celebrate festivals?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information, Sir.

Secondary grade teachers

* 39 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether, and if so, when, the scale of pay of Rs. 45—2—85 for secondary grade teachers has been brought into force in panchayat elementary schools in Thanjavur district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir, from 1st November 1956, except in respect of nine Panchayat Elementary Schools in the District.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, has payment been denied in respect of teachers in these nine panchayat elementary schools?

8-10 p.m. THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The panchayat could not pay according to the enhanced scale, because their financial position did not permit it.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Since the ultimate responsibility, according to the latest procedure, is that of the Government, cannot the Government examine this question of payment to these teachers retrospectively?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It was only from 1st November 1956 that a uniform scale of pay of Rs. 45—2—85 was fixed for secondary grade teachers under all kinds of management. It was then provided that the extra expenditure should be borne by the panchayats themselves. Now the panchayats have been taken over by the Panchayat Union Councils, and the position will not remain the same. The matter has to be looked into further.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : My point, Sir, is this. As it is not the fault of the teachers, cannot the Government examine the matter afresh and see that they are paid retrospectively now that they have taken over the responsibility?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : In 1956, when the Government issued this order, it was provided that the extra expenditure should be met by the panchayats themselves. That was the order of the Government then. Therefore, there was no question of giving retrospective effect.